

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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## Celebrating a New Season at Indian Head Division, NSWC

Indian Head Division's annual Autumn Festival will be held Saturday 14 October, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Autumn Festival is the Division's yearly event for its employees, their families, and the community. It is the base's largest morale building event and over 2,000 people attend annually. It is held on base property at Autumn Fest Park and is open to the public.

This family event holds something for everyone. There are sports competitions throughout the day, including horseshoes and golf. Children will enjoy pony rides, moon bounce, face painting, a clown and magic show, and cotton candy. There will also be hayrides and a dunk tank. Music will be a mainstay throughout the day with this year's line-up including DJ Michael Tate, Road House, and Brothers Plus One. As always, there will be plenty of great food including homemade chili, jambalaya, gumbo, hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chicken fillets, and all the fixings.

The advanced ticket price is \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Gate prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Kids five and under are Free!! Ticket prices include all the food, sodas, and activities you can fit in during this 8 1/2 hour period (with the exception of beer and golf). For ticket information and advanced ticket sales, call MWR at 301-744-4850.

Please join us on Saturday, 14 October, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. at Autumn Fest Park for this celebration. All DoD employees are encouraged to park on the base grounds. The public is encouraged to park at the Indian Head village green where there will be a pedestrian gate.

IHDIV, NSWC is Charles County's largest employer, specializing in the research and development of explosives and propellants. IHDIV is known as the National Center for Energetics. For more information on the Autumn Festival, call the Public Affairs Office at 301-743-4304/6505.

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